

## LOCAL NEWS.

Go to T. T. Morris' for fresh oysters

Simons Star Comedy Company tonight.

Miss Fannie Hardin has returned to Mexico and our hardware store is now in a state of beatitude.

It is better to be counted out than be no 'count at all.

We had a long dissertation on spring but thought we had better put it "on ice" awhile.

G. M. Lackland, of Mexico, shipped three cars of cattle from this place to Chicago yesterday. He purchased them from J. Wesley Johnson, of this county.—Paris Mercury.

"Hold the fort."

We got the boss valentine.

Children's Mass Meeting at the Christian church next Sunday night. All invited.

Boones Celebrated Clarksville, Mo., Tobacco and a well selected lot of Virginia tobacco. Also the best cigars in Mexico, for sale at W. L. Frost's. 43-21.

We understand that Dr. Vincil will commence a protracted meeting on next Sunday.

Simon the favorite is here and will favor the people of Mexico to-morrow night.

Mr. J. C. Brown, advance agent for Simons Star Comedy Company has been in our city for the past few days and by his genial manners and square business transaction has won the confidence of our people. Brown is a fellow well met and knows his biz.

The Farmers & Traders Bank of this city has suspended business. Depositors will find their money at the Southern Bank.

Mr. J. W. Gatewood, of Audrain county, passed through town yesterday with eight splendid mules, which he was taking to Illinois. They were the largest and by far the most saleable mules which have come under our observation for some time. —New London Record.

Capt. McIntyre, our Representative has introduced a bill in the House to abolish the office of county treasurer in counties having a population of 50,000 and less not under township organization and to make the collection of revenue ex-officio county treasurers.

THE BEST.—Willie L. Frost is making a specialty of fine tobacco. Fine cigars and fine cider, cakes and pies. Keeps also, for sale fancy groceries and St. Louis papers, Dime Novels &c. 42-21.

Mrs. H. B. Allen respectfully informs the citizens of Mexico and vicinity, that she is prepared to cut and make dresses in the latest styles. Long experience enables her to guarantee entire satisfaction. Patronage solicited. Rooms at Hardin House, Mexico, Mo. 42-11.

Ladies, why throw away your old scissors and buy new ones, when you can get your old ones put in as good order as when new, by bringing them to Dunn & McHenry's. 3911

### NORTH WILSON ITEMS.

North Wilson will have a grand wolf hunt Wednesday 14th, meet at Good Water School house Wednesday morning.

North Wilson reports 2536 rats, and still they come. Saline Township is turning out to killing rats.

Wolves are killing sheep for J. F. Harrison and Creed Carter.

Fifteen persons in North Wilson report 1080 bushels of corn on hand about 500 sheep, 70 horses, 444 cattle, 256 hogs, 181 tons of hay, 125 lbs of butter.

X WAYS.

Headlight coal oil, 150 test, 50 cents a gallon. Mitchell Bros. 39-11

## Down got the Prices

—OF—

Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps & Gloves

N. Lackland,

East side square, Mexico, Mo.,

Offers his entire stock

At Cost for 30 Days

From January 20th, consisting of

\$20,000 WORTH

OF

BOOTS, SHOES

Hats, Caps and Gloves.

Which Must be Sold

This is no humbug, for we mean what we say, as all know who bought at our first clearing sale.

COME & SEE FOR YOURSELF

## New Deal A GENERAL CHANGE.

WM. O. LEE & Co.,

Have bought out the entire stock of

School Books, Stationery, B'n's

CHROMOS, PICTURE FRAMES,

Wall Paper, Brackets, Etc., Etc.

owned by M. F. Allison, on north side square, in rooms formerly occupied by West & Kabrich, where we have moved our entire stock of Pianos, Organs, Sewing Machines, Sheet Music, Musical Merchandise, Attachments, Needles, Oil, parts, &c., where we are going to sell

Goods Cheaper than the Cheapest

Stock will be kept up and complete; neat and tasty.

GIVE US A CALL.

Price goods, examine Pianos and Organs, and try our Centennial Prize, the Wheeler and Wilson Sewing Machine. Don't forget the place, NORTH SIDE SQUARE.

WM. O. LEE & CO.

Homer St. John

Wm. O. Lee.

### TOWN TALK.

CAUGHT ON THE FLY.

Spring.

"Same House."

Forty-sixth day of the year.

Sixteen days more of Grant.

We don't wish our friends any harm, but we do hope some of them in arrears will be seized with a remittent fever.

The moon is just right now for you to advertise.

The boy who sat down on a hot poker wanted to say something when the subject of base-burners was under consideration, but his father checked him off.

How about our cheese factory.

The Louis Republic

10th

Long your sale bills to the Ledger, we will print them neatly and cheap. So you sent her a \$5.00 valentine, and the other fellow got the credit for it. Well such is life.

J. B. Clark, formerly with Harper & Bro. has gone into partnership with T. W. Nichols. We wish the new firm that success which it deserves.

We understand that Rev. Pope Yeaman has taken pastoral charge of the Baptist church of this city.

An unusual large number of hearers attended the various churches in this city last Sunday.

Rev. J. O'Brien, of St. Louis, will lecture in the Opera House of this city Sunday evening at 4 o'clock Feb. 18th.

The young folks of this city enjoyed a very pleasant soiree at the residence of Mr. Marmaduke, of this city last Saturday night, not more than 6 or 8 couple were present, but nothing was lacking to make the evening pass pleasantly. If we had a few more in our city like Mr. Marmaduke and lady there would not be such a lack of sociability among our young folks.

Don't give up the ship.

### What

The new style of hats that girls dote on—the ones that come down over the eyes, are called "Don't you forget it."

If you want to be happy just try Mitchell Bros' 5 cent cigars.

No, all the boys are not blind, they just wear the eye glasses to put on style all the while.

### Does

Talk about "change" that reminds us of the weather.

Mr. Ben Riley is going to commence the study of dentistry next month.

### This

We learn from a reliable source that the C. & A. R. R. have surveyed a extension of their road to connect with the M. K. & T. R. R. This will bring another road to our city, will reduce freight and passenger rates. It will make a rise in the real estate and be beneficial to the country in general. We understand the work will commence as soon as spring opens.

### Mean?

Rev. W. H. Hicks, pastor of the congregational churches of Farber and Wellsville, made us a pleasant call Monday.

### Simon's

Wonder what is the reason we don't hear anything more about Texas. The long looked for El Dorado.

### Friday

Read trustees sale of valuable property found in this issue.

### And

Geo. Ward who has been teaching at the Jesse school house, in company with young Mr. Jesse left for California Monday.

### Saturday

What county paper gives you more reading matter than the Ledger.

### Nights.

"LONG PRIMER" TOWN.—Mr. R. Brown, founder of the original Monitor, was in our city yesterday. He said he sold the Monitor out because he could not afford to run a nonpareil paper in a "long primer" town. Score one for Moberly the gas city of the west.

"Mr. R. Brown" never owned the "original Monitor" and, therefore, never sold it out for the reason given nor any other.

If the editor of the LEDGER is so green as to allow himself to be "sold out" in that way, he had better stay indoors or the cows, 'll chaw him.

—Enterprise-Monitor.

Perhaps the lopped-eared gentleman of the pen (?) editorial department, of the Enterprise-Monitor thinks that all the inhabitants of this mundane sphere are ignoramuses as himself, or else he would not have penned the above. The fact that Mr. R. Brown did not start the "original Monitor," may be all true, but the fact that L. R. Brown did start the "original Monitor" is nevertheless true, the contradiction of that long-eared gentleman notwithstanding to the contrary. And although we acknowledge ourselves green, we have never yet been so contemptible and contemptuous as to sell our principle to a railroad company or monopoly as that Enterprise gentleman did in the railroad strike a few years ago.

Why old man you talk like you was born yesterday.

The Globe-Democrat of the 11th inst., has the following:

FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING HATTIE WALSH.—The Coroner yesterday received the following letter, written on the Chicago and Alton Railroad letter-head sheet:

February 5, 1877.—Dear Sir: Having received a dispatch on Sunday, the 4th, and also seeing an account in the Globe-Democrat of the 5th, of the horrible death of Hattie Walsh, I write to state her maiden name was Helm, instead of Kingsdale, as stated in the Globe-Democrat, with various other names. She is a niece of mine by marriage, and has two little sisters; aged ten and twelve years—Ida and Alice. I would say to you, if Hattie left any jewelry or clothing, or anything of that character, you can send it to me at Mexico, Audrain County, Mo., and I will see that the children get it. I can give you satisfactory reference if necessary, or if necessary, I will come down.

Yours, respectfully,

SILAS M. OSILBURT.

The Coroner states that the Public Administrator took charge of the effects of the deceased.

We learn that the unfortunate girl's mother died sometime ago about six miles north of this city. If we are not mistaken "Osilburt" is an assumed name.

### FARMS FOR RENT.

I have 5 good farms to rent for 12 or 3 years.

W. M. SHUMATE.

42-11.

FOR SALE.—Nice and clean, iron hooped cedar barrels at W. L. Frost's. 43-21.

Two painted females, with a gill of flour, in the corner of each eye, met near the picture gallery last Sunday; they hadn't seen each other for a whole week.

Why, howdy do?  
Howdy do. How's the baby?  
He's well. How's yours?  
He's well. How's your ma?  
She's well. How's yours?  
She's well. Ain't it cold?  
Oh my? sint it. Going to church?  
Not to-day.

You must come down.  
I will. You must come up.  
I will.

They kissed, and each said to herself as they moved off: "Nobody wants you."

We understand a gentleman by the name of Bell has purchased Mr. McCannell's interest in the Ringo house hotel.

### OUR CITY ELECTION.

The day approaches—the day for which all days were made—when our citizens will be called upon to select city officers for the next municipal year. Eager thoughts and anxious eyes are already turning towards that day, as much prized by hungry office seekers and thirsty voters. Well let them tune. While expectant candidates are laying in a large stock of smiles, and are practicing before their glasses, how to bow and nod to voters across the street, and how to look bland, and shake hands cordially, let the people begin to "look a leedle oud."

That there can be improvement made in the cast of city officers not will deny. And it is the duty of good citizens to look to this matter in time.

MAYOR.

We need no change except to change Mr. Fowler from the old to the new, making him his own successor. He deserves such recognition. Mexico never had a more efficient or faithful chief officer. He is hereby put in nomination for a second term. If any one desires to be distanced in a contest for the Mayoralty, let him try his bottom against the present incumbent. "Let well enough alone" is a motto we will profit by observing and continue Dick Fowler as Mayor.

As to other officers I will not speak particularly now, except in reference to the

CITY MARSHAL.

And I don't wish to be understood as assailing the present worthy official. But it will not be denied that others in our city can discharge the duties of that important station. Others are entitled to the office I am unqualifiedly opposed to the "third term" doctoring or practice. I am not favorable to an official lifetime or perpetuity in office.

Believing that the present Marshal will not be a candidate for re-election, because he has held the office long enough, because others are entitled to the place, and can perform the duties thereof to the full satisfaction of our citizens, the name of a gentleman is hereby suggested for the office. I mean

CAPT. JOHN D. CARTER.

He is a worthy, reliable man, fearless, honest and determined. The present Marshal has frequently evidenced his discretion and judgment by employing Capt. Carter on the police force, when there was need for a man of nerve and firm purpose. Those that know Carter, will testify to his fitness for the position. He's been tried other days when courage was a necessity and never was found wanting. He is worthy of public confidence. If chosen Marshal there will be a improvement in many particulars not necessary now to mention. Next week something will be said about other positions in our government.

A. C. T. ZEL

There will be a Public Lecture at the Opera Hall Mexico, Mo., Sunday, Feb. 18, 1877, at 4 o'clock P. M., by Rev. J. O'Brien. Subject "How are we to learn the truths of the Gospel?" Admission 50 cents, ladies free.

JOSH BILLINGS' APHORISMS.

The great light is cast for bread, then butter on the bread, then sugar on the butter.  
Be merciful to all the dumb animals: no man can get to heaven on a sore-backed horse.

The great mistake that most people make is they think more of their cunning than they do of their honesty.

The more secret my wickedness is to make every one and I feel a little self-satisfied and afterward sad with you.

The unhappiness of this life seems principally to consist in giving everything we can and wanting everything we hadn't got.

I have finally come to the conclusion that the best capital any man can have, for all practical purposes, is a good bank account.

Peasants suffer less than niggers do—the man who don't know where he's going to get his next dinner, suffers less than the one who is a slave, and how much more so.